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[X] continuation or [] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), This is a request for a (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/295,607, filed on April 22, 1999, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING ALUMINUM NITRIDE FILM

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. §154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

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- [X] Enter the unentered amendments previously filed on August 3 and August 16, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.116 in the 1. prior nonprovisional application.
- [] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. 2.
- [] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). 3.
 - a. [] DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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